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1. AF, EB, AND L HAVE DISCUSSED THE LATEST PROBLEM WITH AIG REPS. WE CONCLUDE THAT THE EMBASSY SHOULD ASAP SEE THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL IN THE FMG TO MAKE USG CONCERN A MATTER OF RECORD. WITHOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN THE MERITS OF THE DISPUTE (POINT 4G, REF B) OR MENTIONING EVENTUALITIES FROM WHICH WE HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN (POINT 4I) EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE AS MANY OF REMAINING POINTS OF REF B AS, IN ITS JUDGMENT, WOULD NOT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

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2. AIG HAS NOT YET DECIDED ITS OWN COURSE OF ACTION,

WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO KNOW RESULTS OF EMBASSY EFFORT
(EVEN THOUGH COMPANY HAS STRONG PRESUMPTION OF WHAT THEY
ARE LIKELY TO BE) BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION.

3. SINCE TIME OF THE ESSENCE, DEPARTMENT SEES NO NEED
FOR EMBASSY TO AWAIT NOTTINGHAM ARRIVAL BEFORE APPROACHING
FMG.

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